CSHCS ALERT #14-2014 - Information re: Birthing Hospital Mini-Grants Tue 6/10/2014

Colleagues,

Last week, MDCH released an RFP for a small grant opportunity for Michigan's birthing hospitals. The RFP is attached, along with the list of hospitals that received the RFP and are potentially eligible to apply.

As stated in the RFP:

"The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Division of Family and Community Health is pleased to offer one-time mini-grant planning funds of \$10,000 to all Michigan birthing hospitals Level I or Level II nurseries to support their contribution to Michigan's developing Perinatal Care System. It is the goal of the developing Perinatal Care System that all birthing hospitals will refer and link eligible infants to Michigan's Medicaid home visiting program, Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), and the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program in order to contribute to the statewide effort to support the surviving and thriving of Michigan's infants by the provision of professional health care follow-up.

The funds are available for each hospital to assess and plan needed modifications of their nursery discharge planning process and identify information technology (IT) /electronic medical record (EMR) information system infrastructure changes that are needed to support a referral/linkage process of eligible families to two key family support services: the MIHP and the CSHCS Program. This funding will support activities to help birth hospitals develop/modify their internal process, including electronic medical record (EMR) changes, and data collection methodology for the assessment and linkage of all infants who qualify for the services of these two programs. "

I encourage Local Health Departments to consider contacting birthing hospitals within your jurisdiction to discuss opportunities to collaborate and partner on this initiative. Note the proposal deadline of June 23rd.

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